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Nautical telegraphy
Births, marriages, deaths

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The Nautical Telegraph Code Book
And Postal Guide

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Births:

	CODE WORD	MEANING
1	**Oak**	Confined to-day, boy; both doing well.
2	**Oakum**	Confined to-day, boy, dead; mother well.
3	**Oar**	Confined to-day, girl, both doing well.
4	**Oarage**	Confined to-day, girl, dead; mother well.
5	**Oared**	Confined to-day, baby dead; mother fairly well.
6	**Oarlock**	Confined to-day, baby dead; mother weak.
7	**Oarsman**	Confined to-day, baby dead; mother very weak.
8	**Oblique**	Confined to-day, baby dead; mother fairly well. Will wire again.
9	**Observing**	Confined to-day, baby dead; mother very weak. Will wire again.
10	**Observe**	Confined to-day, twins; both boys. All well.
11	**Occident**	Confined to-day, twins; both girls. All well.
12	**Occidental**	Confined to-day, twins; one alive, a boy; mother well.
13	**Ocean**	Confined to-day, twins; one alive, a boy; mother weak.
14	**Oceanian**	Confined to-day, twins; one alive, a girl; mother well.
15	**Oceanic**	Confined to-day, twins; one alive, a girl; mother very weak.
16	**Oceanides**	Confined to-day; mother very weak; not expected to live.
17	**Octopus**	Confined to-day, twins; both dead; mother well.
18	**Officer**	Confined to-day, twins; both dead; mother very weak.
19	**Offical**	Confined to-day, twins; boy and girl. All well.
20	**Oilbag**	Confined to-day, twins; mother very weak.
21	**Oilskin**	Confined to-day, twins; boy and girl; mother very weak.
22	**Oldster**	Confined to-day; mother had to undergo operation, but is progressing well.
23	**Ooze**	Confined to-day; mother dead, baby living.
24	**Orient**	Mother is now much better. Don't worry.
25	**Oriental**	Every care is being taken, so do not be anxious.
26	**Orientate**	You will get word in a few days. Don't worry.
27	**Orlop**	Wou will hear soon; likely to be slight delay.
28	**Ormer**	What shall I name baby? Please wire.
29	**Ortive**	-- is what I wish the name to be.
30	**Outbreaker**	Don't you think -- would be a good name?
31	**Outcast**	Glad beyond measure to hear the news; accept my kindest love, dearest.
32	**Outer**	It is impossible to describe in a wire how I geel. Rest assured that I am thinking of you and your future happiness. Will write to you (or see you) as quickly as possible. I am very anxious.
33	**Outfit**	Let me know by telegram. I am most anxious.
34	**Outfitter**	I will wire again; baby not expected to live. I am quite well.

Marriages:

1	**Outflow**	Marriage is announced.
2	**Outhaul**	Marriage postponed indefinitely.
3	**Outhauler**	Marriage postponed in consequence of --.
4	**Outland**	Marriage postponed. Am writing.
5	**Outline**	Marriage takes place at --.
6	**Outlying**	Marriage arranged for January.
7	**Outrigger**	Marriage arranged for February.
8	**Outsail**	Marriage arranged for March.
9	**Outset**	Marriage arranged for April.
10	**Outshine**	Marriage arranged for May.
11	**Outside**	Marriage arranged for June.
12	**Outtrave**	Marriage arranged for July.
13	**Outward**	Marriage arranged for August.
14	**Outwatch**	Marriage arranged for September.
15	**Outwear**	Marriage arranged for October.
16	**Outwell**	Marriage arranged for November.
17	**Outwind**	Marriage arranged for December.
18	**Overalls**	Marriage arranged; will wait until your return.
19	**Overblow**	Marriage will take place as soon as possible.
20	**Overboard**	Marriage will take place at once; -- ordered abroad.
21	**Overbuilt**	Very glad to hear of your marriage. Good luck.
22	**Overburden**	Very surprised to hear of marriage. Much happiness.
23	**Overcarry**	-- is engaged to --. What do you think?
24	**Overcast**	Marriage broken off. I am writing particulars.
25	**Overcrowd**	I intend marrying upon my return.
26	**Overdue**	Can you arrange marriage by --.
27	**Overfalls**	Dearest, make all necessary arrangements for our marriage.
28	**Overflow**	I shall apply for extension of leave.
29	**Overhand**	Will you agree to marry me upon my return?
30	**Overhaul**	Have just heard -- has been married.
31	**Overhead**	Hearty congratulations. Long life and happiness.
32	**Overloaded**	Please send a useful wedding present, with my best wishes.
33	**Overlooker**	Glad to hear it. Send him (or her) a cheque for --.
34	**Overseas**	Marriage certificate required.

Deaths:

1	**Pacific**	-- has died suddenly. Come at once.
2	**Packet**	-- has died suddenly. Do not come; I will write.
3	**Paddle**	-- has died suddenly; we await instructions.

4	**Padlock**	-- has died suddenly; will post details.
5	**Paint**	Sad news, baby dead; will write particulars.
6	**Painter**	Sad news, daughter dead; will write particulars.
7	**Palm**	Sad news, son dead; will write particulars.
8	**Pannikin**	Sad news, father dead; will write particulars.
9	**Parallel**	Sad news, mother dead; will write particulars.
10	**Parbuckle**	Sad news, husband dead; will write particulars.
11	**Parting**	Sad news, wife dead; will write particulars. (* Name of person should follow code word if not understood.)
12	**Passage**	Sad news, brother dead; will write particulars.
13	**Passenger**	Sad news, sister dead; will write particulars.
14	**Passing**	Sad news, uncle dead; will write particulars.
15	**Passport**	Sad news, aunt dead; will write particulars.
16	**Patamar**	Sad news, grandfather dead; will write particulars.
17	**Pawl**	Sad news, grandmother dead; will write particulars.
18	**Payday**	Sad news, wife dead; you had better return home.
19	**Paymaster**	Sad news, wife has passed away. I am looking after children.
20	**Peacoat**	Kindly break sad news of -- 's death to --.
21	**Peajacket**	Sad news; -- has been lost overboard.
22	**Peak**	Sad news; husband dead, wife saved.
23	**Pelican**	Sad news; wife dead, husband saved.
24	**Pennant**	Sad news, husband and wife both drowned.
25	**Periscope**	Sad news, both drowned, but child saved.
26	**Petrel**	Sad news, wife dead, husband and child saved.
27	**Phosphorus**	Sad news, husband dead, wife and child saved.
28	**Picket**	Sad news, child drowned; we were saved.
29	**Pilot**	Sad news, your husband was washed overboard. Am writing.
30	**Pilotage**	Sad news, your husband died during the passage; sincerest sympathy. Am writing.
31	**Piloto**	Sad news, your son died during the passage; sincerest sympathy. Am writing.
32	**Pilum**	Sad news, your brother died during the passage; sincerest sympathy. Am writing.
33	**Pimpernel**	Delay funeral as long as possible. I will rush home.
34	**Pinafore**	Come quickly, I anticipate trouble over will.
35	**Pinnace**	Deeply grieved; impossible to attend funeral.
36	**Pipe**	Take charge of all effects. I am writing.
37	**Piracy**	Send me a lock of his (or her) hair.
38	**Pirate**	Will cannot be found anywhere.
39	**Piratic**	Do you know where we can find will?
40	**Plaice**	He (or she) has made a will in favour of --.
41	**Planet**	He (or she) has made no will.
42	**Planetary**	When does not funeral take place?
43	**Planetic**	Funeral takes place --.
44	**Plank**	Sincerest sympathy in this great sorrow.
45	**Plimsoll**	I am thankful to say none of the others appear to be affected.
46	**Plunge**	What was the cause of death?
47	**Plunging**	The cause of death was --.
48	**Polacca**	The sorrow is more than I can bear. Come home.
49	**Polar**	-- dead; -- is affected with the same disease.
50	**Polarise**	Keep the news from her (or him) as long as possible.
51	**Poles**	Be very careful how you break the news.
52	**Policy**	-- dying fast.
53	**Pollack**	Death certificate.
54	**Pollux**	A post-mortem examination will be necessary.
55	**Pontonier**	An inquest will be necessary.
56	**Pontoon**	Verdict, temporary insanity.
57	**Pool**	Verdict, *felo de se*.
58	**Poop**	Verdict, manslaughter
59	**Porpoise**	Verdict, murder.
60	**Port**	Verdict, death accidental.
61	**Portage**	Convey my sincerest sympathy and send wreath.
62	**Porthole**	I am deeply affected at this sad blow.
63	**Position**	You should claim compensation at once.
64	**Privateer**	I should be extremely obliged if you will make enquiries and send me full details of my (husband, son, father, mother, sister, brother, or relative as understood (if not, name)) death. I am most anxious to know cause, and any advice you can give me will be most thankfully received.
65	**Projector**	Full enquiries shall be made into all circumstances attending death, and detailed by letter as quickly as possible. I beg to offer you my sincerest sympathy for your sad loss.
66	**Propel**	Under these sad circumstances what do you advise?
67	**Provide**	I should be glad of your assistance. I am left penniless.
68	**Provident**	We will do waht we can to help you, and endeavour to raise a small fund.
69	**Prow**	Very many thanks for your kind assistance in the hour of need.
70	**Punka**	Buried at sea in lat. -- long. --.

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